

PROGRAM.

Following is the program for the Union Meeting to be held at Fairview Chapel May 20, 1897:

FIRST SESSION.

10:00 A. M.—Devotional exercises, Rev. David Augustine.

10:20—Object of the U. M., Rev. I. N. Miller.

10:35—Why am I here? Anybody and everybody.

11:00—The model congregation, Mrs. H. Helen Frame.

11:15—Our duty to our church, Eld. Walter Clark.

11:30—The Christian's duty to the S. S., D. Augustine, J. English.

11:45—Queries.

Appointing of committees.

SECOND SESSION.

1:30—Praise services, Rev. E. Smith.

1:50—The duty of the church to home and foreign missions, C. F. Yoder, W. D. Furry.

2:05—The prayer meeting—its needs and improvement, Frank Fields, Irvin Lydick.

2:20—Christians like Christ—selfishness prohibited, Rev. E. Stoneburner, William Whitmer.

2:35—How may the S. S. C. E. aid the churches, Mrs. D. Augustine.

2:50—What constitutes a Scripturally organized church, Wm. D. Furry.

3:05—Our Communion service: (1) How to prepare for, Rev. L. H. Hazlett.

(2) How to observe, Eld. John English.

(3) Benefits to be derived, H. Lydick.

Luncheon.

6:00 P. M.—Sermon.

7:00—Communion.

EMMA HOUSER, Sec'y.

REPORT OF LA PAZ CHURCH.

The Brethren of the LaPaz church are still engaged in the services of the Lord. We feel that our regular church services, S. S., K. C. S. and prayer meeting are receiving blessings from the Fountain of Life. On March 16 we held our annual business meeting. After officers were elected and all other business had been seen to, we had the pleasure of witnessing the ordination of Rev. E. Smith. Bro. I. N. Miller, our pastor, ordained him to the eldership. Brother Smith used to be an infidel, and at our last union meeting he gave us an interesting account of his conversion from infidelity to Christianity. We have all reasons to believe that Brother Smith will make a faithful and successful shepherd in the field of the Lord. We already have heard him preach a number of sermons, and can say that he has the

power of bringing out many deep and serious thoughts.

Hoping and praying for the success of the church at large, we would also ask our brethren and sisters to pray for the church at LaPaz that we may overcome all difficulties and do the works that the Lord has commanded. Last Saturday evening we heard a lecture by the Rev. Dr. Bell, who has lately returned from Japan, to which country he had gone as a missionary. He seems to have been very successful in his work and is now trying to arouse others to share it. EMMA HOUSER.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

When last I wrote for the EVANGELIST it was for the children's column, with an elder sister at my side to guide my hand and shape my childish thoughts. Time has brought about great changes since then. Yet I am still dependent on help as I write, but now I can look to an elder Brother one who has promised always to be with me. This is indeed a great privilege to be connected with the Washington Mission after living so long as an isolated member of the Brethren church. The band here is comparatively small, but among them are living examples of faithfulness to the church and that means loyalty to the cause of Christ.

Brother McFaden's "Story of Jesus" finds ready sale and as we distribute with it, other literature, tracts, etc., we meet with so many who have never heard of the doctrine of our church, not even of the beautiful baptism of face forward immersion and they at once express a desire to see and know more about it. Many others are growing tired of creeds and following man-made rules, etc., which all tends to brighten the out-look for the Brethren church in this city.

There has been a gradual increase in the attendance of the Sunday-school during the last quarter and we also hope to report much "good news" from the series of meetings just begun by Sister Grossnickle, who filled the pulpit Sunday morning and preached to an attentive audience. May the Lord prosper the work here and everywhere.

VIANNA DETWILER.

GLEANINGS FROM THE WAYSIDE.

Sometimes while we are gleaning among the sorrows of life, unexpected joys are found. Hence the language of the Psalmist, "Weeping may continue for a night, but joy cometh in the morning," and sometimes the reverse, we see while gleaning amid the joys, suddenly the clouds obscure them and we are lost in meditation and are made to say why cometh all

this change. However amid all changes and environments of life help us to say "Not my will but thine, O Lord, be done."

A few days ago during our stay at Pleasant Hill, Ohio, we were made to realize the verification of the saying that while we enjoy the present, the unexpected may come. One afternoon we were suddenly apprised that a messenger called for us with the sad intelligence that Sister Grubb of Bloomer was dangerously sick and desired to be anointed. We left on the first train arriving there at 7 30, found the house full of sympathizing friends and Sister Grubb suffering very much. So weak she could scarcely talk, but desiring to have the last sad ceremony performed. We left them in the morning and a later communication from Brother Grubb states that she is recovering nicely with good prospects of getting well. We left Pleasant Hill Thursday morning for Eaton, Ind., stopping at Covington with brother S. R. Deeter, he informed us that sister Mary Deeter, widow of brother Micheal Deeter, a former minister in the Brethren church, whom we anointed some time ago, desired to have a communion service at her house, consequently we arranged for the service and remained over night. Sister Deeter it will be remembered is suffering from cancer and she desires to be ready for the change that must soon come. She said at the close of the little communion, she wished the service would last all night. She realizes that she is nearing the borderland.

Her latest sun is sinking fast,
Her race is nearly run,
Her strongest trials now are past,
Her triumph just begun.

I reckon that those light afflictions which are only for a moment will work out for us a far more and exceeding weight of glory.

Had a good meeting at Pleasant Hill, large audience Sunday night with one addition to the church, so the good work moves on. Get ready for eternity, get ready for death, get ready for heaven.

WM. W. SUMMERS,

North Manchester, Ind.

A school boy of Australia put his youthful enthusiasm into an effective essay on total abstinence, as follows: "I abstain from alcoholic drinks because if I would excel as a cricketer, Grace says, 'abstain'; as a walker, Weston says, 'abstain'; as an oarsman, Hanlon says, 'abstain'; as a swimmer, Webb says, 'abstain'; as a missionary, Livingstone says, 'abstain'; as a doctor, Clark says, 'abstain'; as a preacher, Farrar says, 'abstain'; asylums, prisons and workhouses repeat the cry, 'abstain!'"